

Overview of Testimony by David Meyer
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1. Melding clinical and correction “cultures”
 - a. Successes and failures, public and private
 - b. Barriers and the “height” of the cultural fence
 - c. Long, long-term commitment
 - d. Collaborative keys to success:
 - Shared responsibility, authority, accountability
 - Common objectives with common performance measures/outcomes
 - Common processes supported by a negotiated operations MOU
 - Inter-disciplinary and joint training
 - Combined/blended/joint funding
 - Common celebrations of success, sharing of failure
 - e. Issues specific to delegation of mental health care to DMH
2. Accreditation and credentialing
 - a. Good news:
 - Based on standards
 - Periodic review
 - Requirements-based
 - b. Bad news:
 - Minimum requirements vs. “best practices.”
 - Static
 - Access issues
 - Potentially “defensive”
 - c. Other approaches:
 - “Evidence-based” clinical practice
 - “Outcomes/performance-based” management
3. Rising costs of health care
 - a. “Catch-up” budgeting
 - b. Pharmacy and prescription management
 - c. Legal requirements and standards of care